

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Patients' Bill of Rights.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1138–1157, S. Res. 118–123, and S. Con. Res. 57–58.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–36)

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Measures Passed:

Patients' Bill of Rights: By 59 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 220), Senate passed S. 1052, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect consumers in managed care plans and other health coverage, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 208), Santorum Amendment No. 814, to protect infants who are born alive.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 209), DeWine Modified Amendment No. 842, to limit class actions to a single plan.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 213), Thompson Modified Amendment No. 819, to require the exhaustion of administrative remedies before a claimant goes to court.

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Nickles Amendment No. 850, to apply the patient protection standards to Federal health benefits programs.

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Ensign Modified Amendment No. 849, to provide for genetic nondiscrimination.

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Thompson Amendment No. 853, to clarify the law which applies in a State cause of action.

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Warner Further Modified Amendment No. 833, to limit the amount of attorneys' fees in a cause of action brought under this Act.

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Reid (for Kennedy/Gregg) Amendment No. 860, to make technical and conforming amendments.

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Rejected:

Nickles Amendment No. 846, to apply the bill to plans maintained pursuant to collective bargaining agreements beginning on the general effective date. (By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Ensign Amendment No. 848, to provide that health care professionals who provide pro bono medical services to medically undeserved or indigent individuals are immune from liability. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 212), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Allard Amendment No. 821, to exempt small employers from causes of action under the Act. (By 55 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 215), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Craig Amendment No. 851, to express the sense of the Senate regarding making medical savings accounts available to all Americans. (By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 216), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Santorum Modified Amendment No. 841, to dedicate 75 percent of any awards of civil monetary penalties allowed under this Act to a Federal trust fund to finance refundable tax credits for uninsured individuals and families. (By 50 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 217), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 218), Kyl Amendment No. 854, to permit choices in costs and damages.

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By 36 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 219), Frist/Beaux Amendment No. 856, in the nature of a substitute.

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Withdrawn:

Brownback Amendment No. 847, to prohibit human germline gene modification.

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Reid Amendment No. 852, to limit the amount of attorneys' fees in a cause of action brought under this Act.

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Carper Amendment No. 855, to disallow punitive damages.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 46 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 210), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Grassley Amendment No. 845, to strike provisions relating to customs user fees and Medicare payment delay. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 214), Senate sustained a point of order that Smith (OR) Modified Motion to Commit to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the bill back to the Senate with an amendment, is a motion that affects revenues on a bill originating in the Senate, and not in the House of Representatives as prescribed by the United States Constitution; therefore, the motion is not in order under the Constitution.

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107th Congress Reorganization: Senate agreed to S. Res. 120, relative to the organization of the Senate during the remainder of the 107th Congress.

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Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Senate agreed to S. Res. 123, amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to change the name of the Committee on Small Business to the "Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship".

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Neal A. McCaleb, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

Marion Blakey, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

Marion Blakey, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2005.

Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Charlotte L. Beers, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy.

Dennis L. Schornack, of Michigan, to be Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Carol D'Amico, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

Judith Elizabeth Ayres, of California, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Thirteen record votes were taken today. (Total—220)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9 a.m., and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 176, adjourned at 8:59 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, July 9, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7289.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.